

Community

Commissioners in action

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LAKE COUNTY • Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Ray Sines meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.

All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elasz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting March 17. The next meetings will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 22 and at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 24.

At the March 10 meeting,

the following legislation was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS: ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing change order No. 1 and progress payment No. 7-final with Burton Scot Contractors, LLC for the Auburn Road Reconstruction-Phase II Contract OPWC #CGS04.

- Resolution finding and determining that the territory to be used by Perry Township Trustees to construct a segmented barrier for shore protection to said ODNR specifications along the shoreline of the property at Perry Township Park for erosion protection in Lake Erie, Perry Township, is not required for use by Lake

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County and complies with regulations of permissible land use.

- Resolution approving plans and specifications for the Prouty Road Bridge superstructure replacement (OPWC Project No. CVG04) over Ellison Creek in Concord Township and advertising for bids for same with a bid opening date of March 30.

- Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement (No. 16597) with the Ohio Department Of Transportation for the Lak-Lake Road Improvement Project Contract, PID 86263, with GGJ, INC.

- Resolution authorizing the Lake County Engineer to apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission for emergency funding for repairs to the Mill-Morr Road and Barton Ditch Culvert in Painesville township and to execute an agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding emergency repairs to alleviate the threat to public safety.

UTILITIES

DEPARTMENT

- Resolution certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the lake county auditor.

- Resolution reclassifying Robert Blakesmith to the position of maintenance III in the Lake County Department of Utilities, effective March 14.

- Resolution hiring Sarah E. Wittmann to the position of secretary in the Lake County Department of Utilities, effective March 14.

This is to replace a retiring employee.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving Lake County Department of Job and Family Services vouchers date of warrant March 14 in the amount of \$251,123.18.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Resolution approving the public official bond posted by Lake County Auditor for a new term of office commencing March 14 as required by Ohio Revised Code.

- Resolution authorizing renewal of a workers' compensation self-insurance third party administration agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and Compensable Benefits effective March 1 through Feb. 29, 2012, in the amount not to exceed \$32,880.

- Resolution rejecting bids for the juvenile detention facility control panels for the Lake County Department of Telecommunications.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving payment of bills as listed on the commissioners' approval journal in the amount of \$1,892,288.32.

- Resolution approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$782,017.13.

- Resolution increasing and decreasing appropria-

tions for various general fund accounts.

- Resolution transferring cash within various general and non general fund accounts.

- Resolution approving the 2011 final appropriation measure, for funds outside the general fund.

"This includes all of our special revenue funds which includes Job and Family Services, also includes our enterprise funds, our Utilities Department as well as our permanent improvement, our health insurance funds and so forth," said Finance Director Mike Matas. "This total this year is \$234,500 approximately."

He noted last year's total was almost \$249 million.

"This budget does not include any of our general tax dollars," said Commissioner Dan Troy. "These are, basically rotary funds; utilities are a big chunk of this and of course their revenue streams are coming from water fees, sewer fees and in the Solid Waste Division, landfill tipping fees when solid waste is disposed there. It includes the engineer's department's funds which are brought in from auto license and gas tax dollars."

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution recognizing March 2011 as Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS UTILITIES

Director Rick Martin reported solid waste income was up 9 percent in January and February from last year.

"In our water division, as far as breaks; January and February are big months for breaks," he said. "We're about 10 to 25 percent above normal. We usually average about 40 breaks for the first two months. Looks like Eastlake's had a lot of breaks so far this year."

The additional storm water had required service crews to be working 24 hours a day.

There was a recent meeting with Mentor, which has had some sewers lined in recent years. Videos taken before and after lining was done showed how much water had been leaking in from laterals.

The Gary L. Kron Water Reclamation Facility in Mentor, which normally averages about 11 million gallons per day went up to 52 million gallons several weeks ago.

"When the initial snow melted we had about 42 million gallon," Martin said.

Troy noted that meant 80 percent of the water which went through the plant was from infiltration of storm water in the sanitary sewer system.

While the plant was able to handle all that additional water, the cost for treatment went way up because of the volume.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss collective bargaining.